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1. IN DISCUSSING WORLD ISSUES AT OUR JUNE 10 MEETING, PREMIER HUA KUO-FENG BEGAN WITH THE COMMENT THAT VERY LITTLE HAD CHANGED ON THE MAJOR ISSUES SINCE PRESIDENT FORD MET WITH CHAIRMAN MAO. HE THEN DISCUSSED PRC POSITIONS ON ANGOLA, AND DETENTE, WESTERN EUROPE, JAPAN, ASEAN, AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND, SOUTH ASIA AND EGYPT. A STRONG ANTI-SOVIET THREAT RAN THROUGHOUT THE CONVERSATION: HE SPOKE OF THE SOVIET THREAT TO EUROPE AND JAPAN, ETC., BUT NOT TO CHINA. HIGHLIGHTS FOLLOW.

2. SOVIET HEGEMONIC AMBITIONS AND WESTERN EUROPE. HUA COMMENTED THAT PEOPLE IN WESTERN EUROPE AND THE UNITED STATES WERE COMING AROUND TO SEE THE TRUE HEGEMONIC FEATURES OF THE SOVIET UNION. SOVIET ACTIONS IN ANGOLA HAD BEEN INSTRUCTIVE IN THIS REGARD. HE SAID THAT IN CONVERSATIONS WITH BRITISH FOREIGN MINISTER CROSLAND, FRENCH CHIEF OF STAFF MERY, AND VARIOUS WEST GERMAN VISITORS, HE FOUND A BELIEF THAT THE SOVIETS ARE USING DETENTE AS A SMOKESCREEN FOR A "FINLANDIZATION" OF EUROPE AND WESTERN EUROPE HAS RAISED ITS VIGILANCE, DEVELOPING UNITY, AND IMPROVED TIES WITH THE UNITED STATES. TO MY REITERATION OF THE ENCOURAGING RESULTS OF THE RECENT NATO MEETING, HUA SAID THIS WAS WELCOME. TO MY REITERATION THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD REMAIN STRONG

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AND OPPOSE SOVIET EXPANSIONISM, HE SMILINGLY MENTIONED THE "SONNENFELDT DOCTRINE" AND ENDED HIS REMARKS ON EUROPE AND DETENTE.

3. JAPAN: IN A LONG DISCOURSE ON JAPAN THAT APPEARED TO EMBARRASS HIS AIDES, HUA CHARACTERIZED SINO-JAPANESE RELATIONS AS "GENERALLY-SPEAKING GOOD", NOTED CHINA HAD TOLD JAPAN TO LOOK FIRST TO THE U.S. AND THEN TO CHINA, AND THEN PROCEEDED TO COMPLAIN THAT PRIME MINISTER MIKI HAD NOT FOLLOWED THROUGH ON FORMER PRIME MINISTER TANAKA'S AGREEMENT TO SIGN THE PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP TREATY. HE SAID THAT THE TREATY REMAINED UNSIGNED BECAUSE OF THE HEGEMONY ISSUE BUT THEY AGAIN CHARACTERIZED SINO-JAPANESE RELATIONS AS "STILL GOOD" AND REAFFIRMED STANDARD PRC SUPPORT FOR RETURN OF JAPAN'S FOUR NORTHERN ISLANDS.

4. ASEAN: HUA NOTED VISITS TO PRC BY ASEAN LEADERS, HE COMMENTING THAT THE PRC HAD NOT ESTABLISHED RELATIONS WITH SINGAPORE DURING LEE'S VISIT BUT THAT THE DISCUSSIONS HAD GONE "NOT BADLY" AND NOTED RELATIONS WITH INDONESIA REMAIN SUSPENDED. HUA SAID THE PRC "GENERALLY SUPPORTS" ASEAN AND WAS GLADDENED BY THE RAISED VIGILANCE TO "KEEP THE TIGER FROM ENTERING THE BACK DOOR WHILE THE WOLF WAS BEING DRIVEN OUT FROM THE FRONT".

5. AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND: HE SAID THAT THE PRC "FAVORS AND ADMIRERS" INCREASED VIGILANCE IN AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND AGAINST THE THREAT OF SOVIET EXPANSIONISM AND INCREASED ATTENTION TO DEFENSE. HE SAID THAT AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND HAD BOTH EXPRESSED A DESIRE TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH THE U.S. ON THE BASIS OF QUALITY AND THAT THE TALKS WITH MULDOON HAD GONE WELL.

6. SOUTH ASIA: TAKING A TOUGH AND WARY LINE AGAINST INDIA AS SEEKING "PETTY HEGEMONY" IN THE REGION, HE CRITICIZED INDIAN ACTIONS TOWARD BANGLADESH AND NEPAL. HOWEVER, WHILE INDIA WAS PUSHING "PETTY HEGEMONY" AND THE SOVIETS WERE INVOLVED IN BIG POWER HEGEMONY, HE SAID THERE WERE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, AND THEY WERE NOT MONOLITIC. ACCORDING TO HUA, CHINA DOES NOT BELIEVE

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INDIA WILL BECOME A COMPLETE "RUNNING DOG" OF THE SOVIET UNION, BUT THE SOVIETS WILL CONTINUE TO USE INDIA AND SEEK OVERLAND ACCESS TO THE INDIAN OCEAN. HE SAID CHINA HAD AGREED TO EXCHANGE AMBASSADORS WITH INDIA AND WILL WORK TO DEVELOP SINO-INDIAN RELATIONS, BUT THAT CHINA WOULD UPHOLD ITS PRINCIPLES IN THIS PROCESS. HE CHARACTERIZED RELATIONS WITH PAKISTAN AND NEPAL AS "VERY GOOD" AND VOICED SUPPORT OF PAKISTAN EFFORTS TO IMPROVE ITS RELATIONS WITH AFGHANISTAN, IRAN, AND TURKEY AS WELL AS WITH INDIA. HE NOTED THAT CHINA BELIEVED THE U.S. SHOULD HELP PAKISTAN WIN OVER INDIA FROM THE SOVIETS.

7. EGYPT: IN A POINTED DIFFERENCE WITH MY CHARACTERIZATION OF THE REASONS FOR EGYPT'S MOVE AWAY FROM THE SOVIET UNION, HUA SAID THEY BELIEVED EGYPT'S ACTIONS RESULTED FROM SOVIET TEACHING BY NEGATIVE EXAMPLE.

8. SUGGEST DEPARTMENT REPEAT THIS AND REFTEL TO HONG KONG.

9. FULL TEXT WILL FOLLOW JUNE 11.
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